

By 77 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 161), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in the bill. The point of order that the provision was in violation of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained. **Pages S6238–39**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the issuance of an Executive Order continuing certain restrictions on North Korea and North Korean nationals imposed under the Trading with the Enemy Act; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–55) **Page S6281**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol of Amendments to Convention on International Hydrographic Organization (Treaty Doc. 110–9) (Ex. Rept. 110–10).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 159), William T. Lawrence, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. **Pages S6207–11, S6307**

G. Murray Snow, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2014.

Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2012.

Richard A. Anderson, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2013.

Matthew A. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2014.

Peter Robert Kann, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Michael Meehan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—162) **Pages S6210–11, S6231, S6238–39, S6267**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6306.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the

Army, Joseph A. Benkert, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Sean Joseph Stackley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Frederick S. Celec, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, all of the Department of Defense, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, and 2,121 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

INTERNATIONAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the foundation of international tax reform, focusing on worldwide, territorial, and related corporate tax issues, after receiving testimony from James R. Hines, Jr., University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; Stephen E. Shay, Ropes and Gray, Boston, Massachusetts; and Robert H. Dilworth, McDermott, Will, and Emery, LLP, Washington, D.C.

TERRORIST ATTACK AFTERMATH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on the federal response for providing medical care and meeting basic needs in the aftermath of an attack, after receiving testimony from R. David Paulison, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Rear Admiral W. Craig Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response; Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs; and James H. Schwartz, Arlington County Fire Department, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

NATION'S FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine addressing the nation's financial challenges, focusing on reliable, useful, and timely financial and performance information in developing and implementing strategies to control the current and future

spending of federal government programs and policies, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Daniel I. Werfel, Deputy Controller, Office of Management and Budget; Kenneth E. Carfine, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Robert L. Bixby, Concord Coalition, James Horney, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Maurice P. McTigue, George Mason University Mercatus Center, all of Washington, D.C.

CAPTA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (Public Law 93-247), focusing on protecting children and strengthening families, after receiving testimony from Cheryl Anne Boyce, Chief, Child Abuse and Neglect Program, Division of Development Translational Research, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Karen Foley-Schain, Connecticut Children's Trust Fund, Hartford; Tanya Long, Parents Anonymous, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; and Caren Kaplan, American Humane Association, Denver, Colorado.

INDIAN COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine access to contract health services in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Robert G. McSwain, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; H. Sally Smith, National Indian Health Board, Washington, D.C.; Marlene Krein, Mercy Hospital, Devils Lake, North Dakota; Stacy Dixon, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Susanville, California; Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Linda Holt, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, Oregon; and Brenda E. Shore, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2979, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization;

H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for

certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, with an amendment;

S. 2892, to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force;

S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 594, designating September 2008 as “Tay-Sachs Awareness Month”; and

The nominations of Paul G. Gardephe, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Kiyo A. Matsumoto, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Cathy Seibel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Glenn T. Suddaby, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, and Clyde R. Cook, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2969, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals;

S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations relating to the notice to be provided claimants with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the substantiation of claims, with amendments;

S. 2617, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to provide technical corrections to S. 22, the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christine O. Hill, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Dole, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 6376–6427; and 18 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96–97; H. Con. Res. 383–387; and H. Res. 1306–1316, were introduced. **Pages H6173–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6177–78**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Directing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to utilize all its authority, including its emergency powers, to curb immediately the role of excessive speculation in any contract market within the jurisdiction and control of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, on or through which energy futures or swaps are traded: H.R. 6377, to direct the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission to utilize all its authority, including its emergency powers, to curb immediately the role of excessive speculation in any contract market within the jurisdiction and control of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, on or through which energy futures or swaps are traded, and to eliminate excessive speculation, price distortion, sudden or unreasonable fluctuations or unwarranted changes in prices, or other unlawful activity that is causing major market disturbances that prevent the market from accurately reflecting the forces of supply and demand for energy commodities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 468.

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Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Tuesday, June 24th: